

1916. In 1921 Archbishop Platon consecrated the church. This large, beautiful house or worship was listed in the National Registry of Historic Places in 1980.

The Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration would not have grown and prospered without its dedicated parishioners and priests. The first Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Rev. Alexander Hotovitzky. The first assigned pastor was Rev. Theofan Buketoff. Since that time a number of distinguished theologians have had the privilege of serving the Greenpoint community through the Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration.

The Cathedral has met the challenge presented by the diverse and growing immigrant population of the community by offering a variety of religious and spiritual services. Among these are Divine Liturgies, Vigil, panikhida and Vespers. The church encourages the active participation of its parishioners in its liturgical life.

Additionally, the church provides myriad services for the community via various clubs and associations. These church sponsored organizations also provide a sense of community and belonging for their members. These organizations include the Brotherhood of the Holy Trinity, the Transfiguration Russian Orthodox Club, the Church School, the Parents Association and a special organization for new immigrants. These groups provide services ranging from church maintenance to youth educational programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration as it celebrates its 90th anniversary. I am honored to have such a distinguished and important parish in my district continuing in a long tradition of spiritual and community service.

#### TRIBUTE TO GOOD PEOPLE

#### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 1998*

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to many of my constituents in Fort Lupton and Platteville for their hard work, and selfless dedication to their neighbors in a time of need. Early in August, a tragic car accident took Dwight Schmidt away from his wife Susan and three-year-old son David. My sympathy goes to the family for their inconsolable loss. To make matters worse, Susan had crops ready to harvest, and bills to pay. Sadly, the Schmidt's faced losing their income after Dwight passed away. However, the community responded with selfless fervor to this urgent situation.

Demonstrating an earnest devotion to the community and the Schmidt family, many good people volunteered their time and labor to harvest the Schmidt's potato crop. I thank these, good, hard-working people for their efforts and for their sense of duty to a friend in need. Mr. Speaker, for their heroic deeds, I commend Steve Eckhardt of Eckhardt Farms, Alan and Kenny Frank, Wilbur and Tom Olin, Bruce and Curt Sandau, Brian and Claude Horning, Tom and Vicki Erickson, John and Donna Ruppel, Ritchie Pyeatt and his crew, Gary and Joyce Herman, Alberta Watada, and Agland. Also dedicating their time and prepar-

ing lunch for the harvest crew were Pearl Schmidt, Pauline King, Sally Huth, Verna Mullet, Dort Mintle, Mrs. Richard Sheetz, Lorraine Tarver, Karen Bailey, Kathy Berry, Sheila Benjamin and the Bank of Colorado in Ft. Lupton. I also applaud John Ripple, the manager of the Platteville Potato Association, Inc. who opened a special day for business just to process the Schmidt's crops. These are among the many good neighbors earning their living and sterling reputations on Colorado's Eastern plains.

#### THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELAND, COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

#### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 1998*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of the Borough of Roseland, County of Essex, New Jersey, as they commemorate the 90th anniversary of the incorporation of their community.

In 1908, the residents of the Roseland Community, displeased with the services they were receiving, took action to separate themselves and their town from the Township of Livingston, Essex County. During this time, many communities throughout the State of New Jersey decided to separate from larger townships and the time was right for the residents of Roseland to make a change.

The completion of the Morristown and Erie Railroads in 1904-1905 had made it possible for residents of Roseland to work in surrounding cities, while enjoying life in the country. During this time the Borough purchased water supply lines and installed electric home and street lighting which further enhanced life in Roseland. By the 1920s, Henry Ford's methods of mass production of the automobile changed the development of Roseland forever.

After World War I, new houses went up, many residents now owned cars and Roseland flourished. At this time, the Borough outgrew its country-style living and joined the more urban society we know today. The Great Depression and World War II brought with them some hard times for the people of Roseland, but the residents proved that as a community they could survive. When called to serve their country, all residents of Roseland accepted their responsibilities and did their part. After victory, the pride felt all over the nation was especially strong in Roseland.

In the following decades, Roseland's development continued. During this time, great improvements in community services and facilities were made. Roseland is now thriving with a prosperous business center, excellent schools and a strong sense of community.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 90 years, the Borough of Roseland has prospered as a community and continues to flourish today. By all accounts, it will continue to prosper in the future, and I ask you, Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues to congratulate all residents of Roseland on this special 90th Anniversary Year.

#### CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 61 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

#### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 1998*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to commend and pay tribute to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association.

This weekend, the Ladies' Auxiliary will gather to observe its 61 years of service to the community of Delaware. The Auxiliary encompassed many of the fire companies in Delaware and pledged their combined efforts to help the firemen of Delaware as well as those whose homes had been damaged by fire. The ladies have assisted with efforts that included contributions to burn centers, food and clothing to burn victims as well as financial support.

Throughout their long and distinguished history of volunteerism, the members of the ladies Auxiliary assisted the Red Cross by sending Christmas packages to soldiers during the war years. Retiring to peacetime, the Auxiliary focused on fund raising to assist local fire companies. During fires and emergency services calls, tired firefighters have come to rely on the meals and beverages provided by the ladies auxiliary.

Mr. Speaker, when the Ladies Auxiliary opens their 61st meeting in Dover, they will do so under the gavel of retiring President Barbara Metheny. Under President Metheny's leadership, the Ladies Auxiliary organized various fund raising efforts to benefit several worthy causes that included a special relief effort targeted for the Concord Alabama Fire Department that had been devastated by the tornado. As a member of the Hartly Ladies Auxiliary and the past President Kent County Ladies Auxiliary, President Metheny's service to the fire community has been exemplary and I salute her and the entire Metheny family for their commitment and dedication to the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. I wish them many more years of success as they continue to assist volunteer fire and emergency services throughout Delaware.

#### TRIBUTE TO INGRID ACEVEDO

#### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 1998*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ingrid Acevedo, the Director of Public Relations for the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, who was among those who perished in the crash of Swissair Flight 111 on September 2, 1998.

My colleagues and I are well acquainted with UNICEF's fifty-two years of service for the children of the world. The U.S. Committee for UNICEF builds support in the United States for UNICEF's work through fundraising, education, and advocacy. Ingrid Acevedo, as Director of Public Relations, worked tirelessly to increase public awareness of UNICEF's initiatives and to bring home to the American people the needs of vulnerable children around the world.

In the three years that Ingrid worked at the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, she helped to raise the visibility of UNICEF in the United States. She served as the primary media liaison during the 1996 Summer Olympics Aid Atlanta, a project that raised money for children suffering the impact of conflicts around the globe. This year, Ingrid was playing a catalytic role in the revival of "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF." She was in the process of implementing a campaign to renew media interest in this popular American children's tradition when her life was so tragically cut short. Ingrid Acevedo worked to educate the American public about the plight of millions of children around the world who need our help and support, and did so with creativity and enthusiasm. She was using her talents to encourage all of us to do more to save and to improve the lives of needy children.

Ingrid Acevedo was a young woman who cared about the less fortunate and who dedicated her life to making a difference. Prior to working for the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, Ingrid spent two years in Washington as Manager of National Media Relations for Bread for the World, an organization that has done so much to fight hunger and poverty both here and overseas.

Ingrid Acevedo was only 32 years old when she died, but she made those years count. Hers is a record of service for everyone to emulate. Those of us in the Congress who support UNICEF's work for children are deeply saddened by the loss of this young woman who worked so hard for UNICEF and who had both the talent and the potential to have done even more. We extend our condolences to her mother, Dinorah Acevedo, and to her surviving relatives.

The loss of such a dedicated, outstanding individual is difficult for the human heart to comprehend. Rather than focusing on what we have lost, let us celebrate Ingrid Acevedo's work for children and for the poor and hungry, by renewing our own commitment to those in need. That is the most appropriate tribute to Ingrid Acevedo.

IN HONOR OF COLER/GOLDWATER  
SPECIALTY HOSPITAL AND  
NURSING FACILITY AND ROOSEVELT  
ISLAND HOUSING MANAGEMENT  
CORPORATIONS ON  
FDR DAY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 1998*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to the Coler/Goldwater Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility and Roosevelt Island Housing Management Corporation as they and the residents of Roosevelt Island celebrate FDR Day on Saturday, September 12, 1998.

This very special day on Roosevelt Island recognizes the accomplishments and goals of the disabled in honor and memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our nation's most heralded disabled American, and the 44th Governor of the State of New York and the 32nd President of the United States. As President, Franklin Roosevelt led the nation through some of its worst crises, most notably the Great Depres-

sion and the Second World War. As a man who had overcome the fear and insecurity of his own physical disability, he assured the people that they had "nothing to fear but fear itself."

The FDR Festival was born in 1981 with a proclamation by the United Nations declaring 1981 as the "International Year of Disabled Persons." In that founding year of the Festival, the theme was "Full Participation and Equality."

The United Nations expressed its concern about the prevailing negative treatment of disabled persons with the words: "A drastic change in our attitude toward disabled persons is a prerequisite. We have, above all, to remember that the problems of physical or mental disability are the problems of society as a whole. We not only bear the collective responsibility to avert the unnatural courses of human disability, such as war, but to give the disabled everywhere, every possible assistance to lead productive lives."

On Saturday, I will join with the residents of Roosevelt Island to celebrate and honor the many accomplishments of the disabled. I also would like to commend Detective Steven D. McDonald, disabled in the line of duty, who will be participating in the awarding of medals to participants of FDR Day. Detective McDonald's bravery and courage is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Coler/Goldwater Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility and the Roosevelt Island Housing Corporation, the FDR Day Committee and all other dedicated citizens who have worked to ensure a very special day of recognition for the disabled. The unity between the able bodied community with the disabled community is an achievement that you all should be proud to be a part of.

GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
EUREKA, CA

**HON. FRANK RIGGS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 1998*

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, 1998 marks the Year of the Ocean. It is appropriate to recognize today Grant Elementary School in Eureka, California for its innovative, leading edge approach to educating students about the environmental, as well as the economic balance needed to keep our oceans healthy and productive into the next century and beyond.

Grant School recently celebrated the fourth annual Ocean Weeks. Each of the classrooms at Grant School studied a different ocean habitat, ranging from the rocky shore for kindergarten classes to the study of islands for sixth grade students.

During the two weeks of Ocean Weeks, students toured habitats from other classrooms within the school and were able to learn about the whole ocean. Community participation in this project was tremendous and ensured Ocean Weeks was successful. Volunteers gave presentations about local watersheds and organized a hands-on fish printing station for all students. One local storyteller spoke about the Native American interaction with the ocean. Local merchants also shared their time

and talents by exposing students to the environmental and economic significance of marine science in Humboldt County, on California's North Coast.

Students had opportunities to participate in field trips to tidepools, the Arcata Marsh, and the Humboldt Bay Wildlife Refuge. They also were treated to a special tour of a Coast Guard Dolphin Search and Rescue helicopter and learned issues of ocean safety when the Coast Guard Group from Humboldt Bay landed at the school campus. Humboldt Bay Harbor Commissioner Jimmy Smith gave an interesting lesson to students at Grant School about the recent oil spill in Humboldt Bay and the resulting effect on plant and animal life.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Ocean Weeks has been and remains an exciting time for the students attending Grant Elementary School. The faculty, participating community members, and the PTA, which provided the financial support, are all to be commended. This is an excellent example of community support that enhances the learning process. I wish much success to not only the Grant School faculty, but also to students who will enjoy this level of commitment and dedication to their education in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELEN  
SALAMAN

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 1998*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful American and long time civil servant—Helen Salaman. An immigrant from Hungary, Helen arrived in the United States in 1921. As many immigrants, Helen sought a better life and acted on this desire by becoming the first female graduate of her law school class at the University of Detroit Law School.

Soon after graduating from law school, Helen became a full-time mother which prevented her from pursuing a legal career. However, being a mother did not prevent her from being active in other avenues. Not only did Helen steep herself in her sons' schooling and extra-curricular activities, but she became deeply involved in the Democratic Party. Helen twice served as a delegate at the Democratic National Convention and in 1960 Helen managed the senatorial campaign of Patrick McNamara.

In 1962, at 53 years of age, Helen joined the U.S. Customs Service in the Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures Division. Helen's job entailed investigating civil fraud and as a result of the expertise, she became a national resource for such cases. Helen recently retired from her job as penalties officer at the Customs Service in Detroit after 36 years of dedicated service. In mid-March at a farewell party given by her colleagues, 175 people showed up to wish her well. Helen believes that, at 89, she was the oldest Federal employee ever.

Mr. Speaker, Helen Salaman is a loving mother and a dedicated American citizen who devoted her life to civil duty. As we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this great American—Ms. Helen Salaman.